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Applicant: Nancey J. Hammond

Attorney Docket No.: 500249.01 (660082.527M)

Serial No. : 09/153,994

9/153,994 Group Art Unit

: 2151

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: September 17, 1998

Examiner

: L. Bullock, Jr.

Title

: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR ENHANCING RELIABILITY OF COMMUNICATION

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RESPONSE

Sir:

Applicant acknowledges receipt of the Office Action dated June 19, 2002. Please reconsider the application in view of the enclosed declaration pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.131, and the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-38 are pending in the application. In the Office Action dated June 19, 2002, the Examiner took the following action: (1) rejected claims 1-3, 15-19, 21, 23, 25-27, 32, 33 and 35 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Birdwell *et al.* (US 5,793,973) in view of "Messaging's Next Blockbuster Hit" by Cox; (2) rejected claims 6-14 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Birdwell *et al.* (US 5,793,973) in view of "Messaging's next blockbuster hit" by Cox and Miyamoto *et al.* (US 6,327,046); (3) rejected claims 28-31 and 36-38 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Miyamoto *et al.*

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